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DEPT PASS TREASURY AND AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OVERDUE AIRCRAFT

1. AT INITIATIVE OF JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, HE AND
GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND I MADE JOINT CALL ON PRESIDENT
MARCOS AT NOON SEPTEMBER 18 TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL
DEPLOYMENTS OF PHILIPPINE GROUND FORCES IN AREA BEING
SEARCHED FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT. PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY
CALLED AFP CHIEF OF STAFF ESPINO AND SUBSEQUENTLY,
ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ABAT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION,
HE ORDERED MOVEMENT OF TWO BATTALIONS, TOTALLING
APPROXIMATELY 1500 MEN, INTO SEARCH AREA.

2. I TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR EFFORT
FILIPINOS AND HAD MOUNTED TO DATE AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR
ADMIRATION FOR WORK OF HELICOPTERS IN SUBMARGINAL
FLYING CONDITIONS. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORTS
TO THE CONTRARY, I SAID COOPERATION BETWEEN SEARCH
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DIRECTORS AND U.S. OFFICIALS HAD BEEN OUTSTANDING.

3. IN MEANTIME, AIRBORNE SEARCH CONTINUES HEAVILY
HANDICAPPED BY WEATHER. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE TWO
HOURS OF GOOD FLYING CONDITIONS EARLY THIS MORNING,
CLOUD DECK NEVER LIFTED HIGHER THAN THREE THOUSAND
FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND CONDITIONS HAVE NOW DETERIORATED
AGAIN TO SQUALLY RAINSTORMS WHICH HAVE PREVAILED
DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE PLANE DISAPPEARED.
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